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## Allegheny and Monongahela River Additional Lock Hours for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday Weekend

PITTSBURGH – For the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be providing additional hours of operation for the locks on the Upper Allegheny River and Morgantown, Hildebrand and Opekiska Locks on the Monongahela River.

On the Allegheny River, Lock 5 (Freeport, Pa.), Lock 6 (Clinton, Pa.), Lock 7 (Kittanning, Pa.) and Lock 8 (Mosgrove, Pa.) will be open Saturday, July 1 through Tuesday, July 4 from 12:30 p.m. 8:10 p.m.

On the Monongahela River, Morgantown Locks (Morgantown, W. Va.), Hildebrand Locks (Hildebrand, W. Va.) and Opekiska Locks (Opekiska, W. Va.) will be open Saturday, July 1 through Tuesday, July 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:20 p.m.

Recreational boaters on Pittsburgh District rivers and lakes are reminded to be particularly observant when boating after heavy rains. The runoff from storm events increases the chances of encountering logs and other debris in the water. Often, this debris is partially submerged and even more difficult to see. Boaters, anglers, divers and others venturing below the dams are reminded not to enter the restricted areas as designated by the signs and "Keep Out" buoys. Backwash and turbulence from the dam may draw a boat into the dam causing it to capsize,

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A fixed crest dam is difficult to see from small boat moving downriver since the crest (top of the concrete) is normally covered with flowing water. Be "dam cautious" and know your location on the river with regard to each dam and lock!